GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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IMPROVEMENT OF AIR SERVICES IN UP AND BIHAR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to inadequate civil aviation facilities the growth and promotion of tourism is getting obstracted by Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to improve civil aviation facilities in the States; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b) and (c):- Adequate facilities have been provided at the airports in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. In Uttar Pradesh, the airports at Lucknow, Varanasi and Agra have been developed and upgraded with modern passenger facilities. Lucknow Airport has been developed as a Model Airport and it is planned for further upgradation to suit operation of wide-bodied Jet aircraft. Similarly, Varanasi Airport is being upgraded with the construction of a new terminal complex to handle domestic and international passengers. The runway at Varanasi is planned for extension to suit AB-300 class of aircraft operations. The passenger terminal building with modern facilities at Agra has already been commissioned. In the State of Bihar, Patna Airport has been developed as a Model airport. Gaya Airport is being upgraded for AB-320 class of aircraft operations to promote Buddhist Tourism.

In UP, Indian Airlines / Alliance Air currently operate flights to Agra, Lucknow and Varanasi, Jet Airways operates flights to Varanasi and Sahara Airlines operates flights to Lucknow and Varanasi.

In Bihar, Indian Airlines/Alliance Air and Sahara Airlines operate flights to Patna.